

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

MILLARD GETS AN INVITATION

Nebraska Senator Asked to Accompany Presidential Party to Panama in November—Other News Notes Throughout the State.

Senator Joseph H. Millard has received an invitation from President Roosevelt to accompany the presidential party to Panama next November. As heretofore announced, it is the intention of the president and secretary of war to make a personal inspection of conditions on the canal zone, in order better to determine some vital points respecting engineering problems, and also to have a better understanding of the practical side of canal building. While Senator Millard has visited the canal zone, Secretary Taft and President Roosevelt have thought that it would be well to have the senator accompany them on their prospective tour. The invitation is extended through the secretary, who is now sojourning in Canada. His letter is as follows:

"War Department, Washington.—Hon. J. H. Millard, U. S. Senator, Omaha, Nebraska.—My Dear Senator: The President directs me to say that he expects to visit Panama and personally examine the work being done on the canal in the month of November. I shall accompany him. The President thinks it would be appropriate for you, as chairman of the senate committee which has investigated the affairs of the Panama canal, to be one of the party of observation which, however, he finds is absolutely

OVER THE STATE.

T. M. Weirich of Omaha was drowned in Lake Manawa last week.

John Hall broke jail at Dakota City. He was sentenced for theft.

C. V. Stortz is in jail at Beatrice awaiting trial on charge of robbery. The funeral of E. C. Smith, who died in Panama, took place at Columbus.

Frank Otto's winter wheat at Bloomfield runs twenty-eight bushels to the acre.

The sixth annual session of the David City Chautauqua was a great success.

Omaha & Nebraska Central Inter-urban railway promoters are at work in Polk county.

Lewis Lesure of Papillion has been placed in charge of the estate of John Quinne, declared incompetent.

Two boys named Routh and Quackenbush disappeared from their homes in Beatrice and at last reports had not been apprehended.

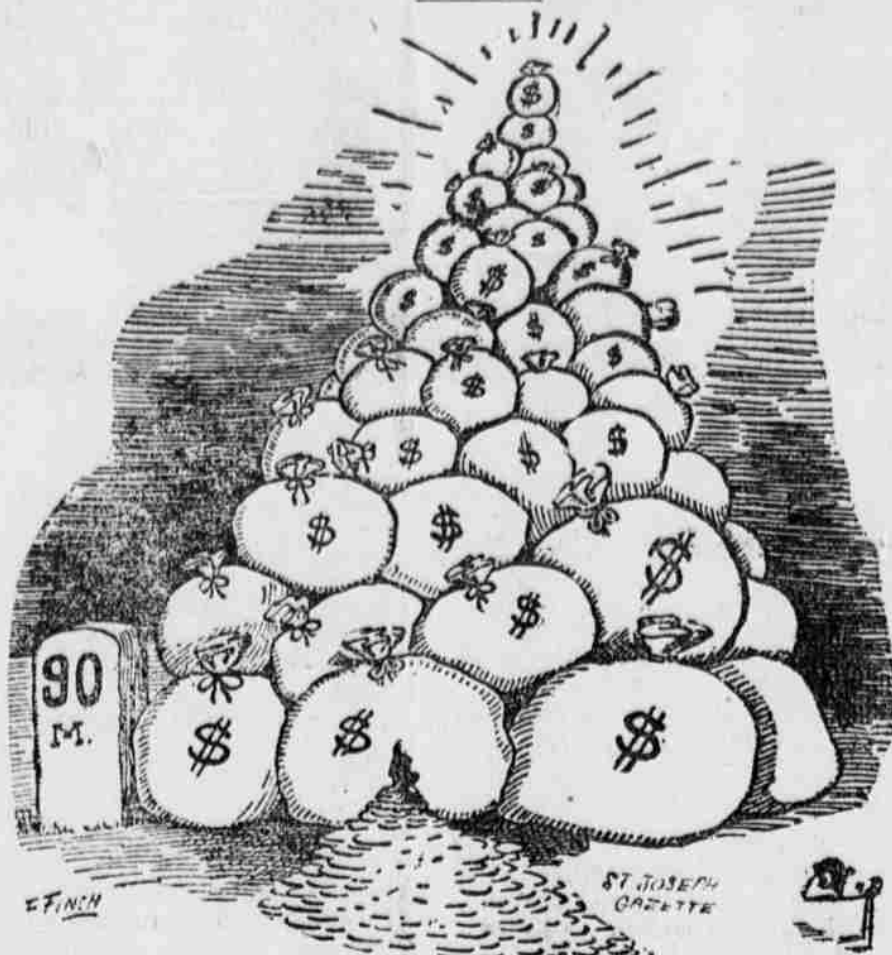
Carrie I. McMurray has filed a claim for \$25,000 against the city of North Platte for injuries received in a fall upon a defective sidewalk April 23.

The first money under the inheritance tax law was received by County Treasurer Morison of Sarpy county. It was from the John Hahn estate. The amount was \$154.

Dr. B. F. Bailey has been appointed by Governor Mickey as a successor to Dr. W. F. Johnson of Pawnee City as a member of the state penitentiary medical board. His term of office will begin August 1.

Ernest, the 10-year-old son of James Matthews at Bingham, sustained a serious injury. While driving a gentle team he dropped one of the lines, and when he picked it up from the ground one of the horses kicked him in the face, the imprint of the hoof surrounding the eye.

RUSSELL SAGE'S MONUMENT.



After All, What's the Use?

DEPOSITORS IN PANIC WHEN BANK AT CHICAGO IS CLOSED

STATE INSTITUTION, OWING OVER \$4,000,000, IN HANDS OF RECEIVER—WARRANT OUT FOR MISSING PRESIDENT.

Chicago.—The Milwaukee Avenue State bank closed its doors Monday after an examination by State Examiner C. C. Jones, and a cloud of scandal and a panic among persons with small savings on the Northwest side followed. Henry W. Hering, cashier, is missing, and a warrant charging embezzlement has been sworn out against him. At the same time, Examiner Jones in a formal statement has declared that the whereabouts of three officials of the bank are unknown to him.

Saturday Examiner Jones, acting on Attorney Stensland's "tip," discovered the dangerous condition of the bank. He gave notice to the cashier and other officials, who could be reached, that he would make a final examination of the books Monday. But Monday morning Cashier Hering was absent, and the bank was at once closed.

The bank carried deposits of over \$4,000,000, largely the savings of working people. Its capital stock was \$250,000.

The panic was started soon after nine a. m., when, at the usual hour for opening, the doors of the bank contained the following notice, written in red ink:

The Milwaukee Avenue state bank was organized September 15, 1891. It succeeded the banking firm of Paul O. Stensland & Co., and was launched with a paid-up capital of \$250,000. The board of directors is composed as follows: Eloy Johnson, Marius Kirkeby, M. A. LaBuy, Theodore Stensland, Joseph Lister, Paul O. Stensland and Frank B. Crane.

Paul O. Stensland is president, Theodore Stensland, vice president; Henry W. Hering, cashier, and Ulrich Daniels, assistant cashier.

Warrant issued for Stensland, Chicago.—More amazing revelations in the Milwaukee Avenue State bank crash came to light Tuesday, simultaneously with preparations for the arrest of Paul O. Stensland, the president. It was learned that crooked banking methods and speculations date back prior to 1901, at which time it now develops there was a shortage of more than \$250,000. From that time on defalcations grew in size and number until the amount of money now said to have been stolen will reach more than \$1,000,000.

John C. Fetzer was appointed receiver of the defunct bank. Mr. Fetzer's bond as receiver was fixed at \$1,000,000. This action was taken by Judge Brentano on the initiative of two women depositors holding claims against the institution aggregating less than \$300. They petitioned the court to safeguard their claims and those of other depositors.

Warrant issued for Stensland. Assistant Chief of Police Schuettdler, Inspector Shippy and Bank Examiner Jones secured a warrant for the arrest of Paul O. Stensland from Justice Severson at 11 a. m. The justice at first refused to sign the warrant for the reason that he was a depositor in the bank. Later he agreed to sign it on the condition that the case should not be tried by him. The charge is violation of state banking laws. The special charge is, receiving deposits although knowing that the bank

was insolvent. This under the state banking act constitutes embezzlement. The warrant says: "Paul O. Stensland, being the president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, said bank being a regularly incorporated state bank and doing business under the laws of the state of Illinois, willfully, knowingly, fraudulently and with malice aforethought received certain deposits after the bank was insolvent of which fact he had knowledge."

While crowds again besieged the bank doors Tuesday, only to find them still closed, Bank Examiner Jones resumed the investigation of the records of the bank to uncover the details of years of alleged irregularities that have startled the banking world of Chicago. Directors of the bank, declaring themselves deceived, are demanding that President Stensland show himself. With the statement from the bank examiner that President Stensland had guilty knowledge of his bank's looting has come their first glimpse of his duplicity.

Evidence of Great Irregularities. It is known there have been many irregularities, the disclosure of which will tell the history of the plundering of the savings depository of the poor on the northwest side. There have been embezzlements. Money has been loaned on worthless security. Bundles of worthless commercial paper in-cumber the low, dark vaults of the bank. Evidence confirmatory of the fact that \$700,000 in forged notes have been uncovered, is coming to light.

Details of how President Stensland himself brought the expose of the ruin of his bank are becoming public. In a letter to his son Theodore, vice president of the bank, sent from St. Paul, Minn., the elder Stensland said "things are wrong at the bank, and ought to be righted." This brought the clearing house association into the bank and in five minutes unearthed the tremendous scandal.

Guilt of Fugitive Proven. Chicago.—Conclusive evidence has been unearthed by State Bank Examiner C. C. Jones that Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, has been guilty of highly criminal acts in conducting the business of the institution of which he is the head.

This was officially announced by Mr. Jones Wednesday. At the same time culpability for the crimes which have brought the far-reaching disaster on the northwest side is narrowing more and more to Stensland. Henry W. Hering, the missing cashier, who was declared to be an embezzler of large sums of money, is being in a measure exonerated because of the lack of direct proof against him. Mr. Jones confirms statements that the frauds amounted to over \$1,000,000.

Rains Cause Damage in Texas. Fort Worth, Tex.—According to advices received here, west central Texas has been visited by torrential rains, considerable damage done to growing crops and railroad traffic badly crippled. However, no casualties, so far as known, have occurred, and first reports sent out, it is believed, were greatly exaggerated.

Peace Cruiser Coming Home. Washington.—The cruiser Marblehead, which was used in the peace negotiations between Guatemala and Salvador, is now sailing northward, her destination being the navy yard at Bremerton, Puget sound, where she is to be repaired.

Send Body to Native Land. Memphis, Tenn.—The body of the native singer, Juan F. Edwards, of the Royal Hawaiian band, who dropped dead of heart disease Tuesday, while reading at the hotel, will be shipped to Honolulu for burial.

Death Hero's Reward. Williams Bay, Wis.—Prof. Henry D. Smith, general secretary of Beloit college, died Wednesday as a result of his efforts to save the life of Miss Ruth Macomber, who was drowned near Lake Geneva Tuesday.

Duke in Auto Collision. Brecon, Wales.—The duke of Connaught and members of his staff while riding in an automobile from Monmouth to Rhayader Tuesday had a narrow escape. The car collided with another and both were wrecked.

PORTER IS PICKED TO LEAD

IOWA DEMOCRATS NAME STATE TICKET.

Text of Platform Adopted—Convention Adopts Resolution in Favor of Bryan.

Waterloo, Ia.—The Democratic state convention Tuesday nominated a full state ticket, headed by Claude R. Porter, of Appanoose county, for governor, adopted a platform and adjourned sine die.

The platform favors a tariff for revenue only, the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and demands the enactment of such legislation as will effectually destroy all trusts.

The platform expresses sympathy with the purposes of national labor organizations as set forth in recent addresses by Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and others calling on labor to assert its political rights at the ballot box.

A resolution was adopted pledging to William Jennings Bryan the support of Iowa Democrats for the presidency of 1908.

The ticket nominated follows: Governor—Claude R. Porter, Appanoose county.

Lieutenant Governor—John D. Denison, Jr., Dubuque county.

Secretary of State—J. S. McLuen, Guthrie county.

Auditor—C. E. Monroe, Mahaska county.

Treasurer—L. F. Danforth, Calhoun county.

Attorney General—Fred A. Townsend, Monroe county.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. S. Wilson, Lyon county.

Judges Supreme Court—L. M. Fisher, of Scott, and E. M. Carr, of Delaware county.

Clerk Supreme Court—T. W. Keenan, Page county.

Reporter Supreme Court—H. M. Parker, Muscatine county.

Railroad Commissioners—W. L. Carpenter, Polk county, and E. K. Stoll, Henry county.

VICTORY FOR SENATOR CULLOM

Indications are He Has Carried Illinois Primaries by 40,000 Plurality.

Springfield, Ill.—Additional returns on the advisory vote for United States senator confirm the earlier reports and indicate Senator Cullom's plurality in the state may be conservatively estimated at 40,000. Senator Cullom's plurality in Cook county is 16,477. The returns show that he not only will have a plurality of the popular vote in the state, but that he has carried 41 out of 51 senatorial districts. Some of the districts which on the face of the returns have been carried by Yates are his by small pluralities and may be thrown into the Cullom column by the official canvass.

Moreover, Senator Cullom appears to have complete control of the state convention for the purpose of senatorial instructions. Yates has lost the popular vote in the state at large, he has lost four-fifths of the senatorial districts and he has no chance to secure instructions in the state convention.

MURDERED DAUGHTER WITH JUG

Enraged Man Chased Wife with Ax in Attempt to Complete Tragedy.

Menominee, Wis.—William Esler, of Downsville, killed his seven-year-old daughter Tuesday night by striking her over the head with a gallon jug.

He says he killed the child because the mother did not want it. Before killing the child Esler chased his wife with an ax.

The couple had not lived together for six months, and Esler had sought to have his wife return home to live with him again.

The quarrel started on the wife's return.

PULAJANES MURDER AND BURN

Municipal Buildings at Abuyon, Leyte, Destroyed by Raiders.

Manila.—One hundred and fifty Pulajanes pierced the military cordon, burned the municipal buildings, killed the ex-president of the town, two former members of the constabulary and three policemen at Abuyon, island of Leyte, 20 miles from the scene of the recent fight. One hundred soldiers and constabulary are in pursuit of the raiders.

Must Supply Correct List.

New York.—The international policy holders' committee Wednesday won a victory from the Mutual Life insurance company when it obtained an order from Justice Giegerich compelling the company to provide the committee with a correct list of its policy holders. Another list must be filed with the insurance department at Albany.

Newspaper Man Dead.

Albany, N. Y.—Thomas Newcomb, for over 20 years appointment clerk in the office of the governor, died Wednesday. In early life he was prominent in newspaper circles in San Francisco.

Morphine for Former Liquor Agent.

St. Louis.—After writing a note stating that he took his life rather than again earn his living by selling liquor, Ernest Steinhart, 57 years of age, committed suicide by drinking morphine.

HERING ARRESTED

CASHIER OF FAILED BANK IS APPREHENDED.

DENIES LOOTING THE CONCERN

He Is Held Without Bail Pending Further Investigation—A Dividend of at Least 25 Per Cent Will Be Paid in a Short Time.

CHICAGO.—Henry W. Hering, cashier of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, which closed its doors three days ago, was arrested Thursday and will be refused his release on bail until his connection with the disappearance of nearly \$1,000,000 of the bank's funds is cleared up. Paul O. Stensland, president of the defunct institution, is still a fugitive, and although nearly 100 detectives are searching for the missing president his whereabouts is as much of a mystery as ever.

Hering was arrested two hours after the time he had previously announced he would give himself up. He was taken at once to the office of Chief of Police Collins and put through a thorough examination as to his knowledge of President Stensland's mismanagement of the institution. Hering declared he did not know where President Stensland was and had had no communication with him for over a week. The cashier strenuously denied the charge that he (himself) was partly responsible for the failure of the bank. Hering maintains that if he is guilty of breaking the banking laws of Illinois President Stensland is responsible, as Hering in his examination declared he never benefited a single dollar by President Stensland's peculiar system of banking.

Bank Examiner Jones and Assistant State's Attorney Gleason were present during the examination of Hering. Neither they nor the police officials were satisfied with the explanation given by Hering of his connection with the collapse of the bank and it was accordingly decided to refuse bail to Hering until the matter has been further investigated.

Receiver Setzer reported to the superior court that a dividend of at least 25 per cent would probably be declared to depositors in the bank within the next two weeks. This is said will be followed by a second dividend, although the receiver was not in a position to state how much of their savings the 22,000 depositors would recover from the defunct institution.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the bank a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to devise ways and means for apprehending President Stensland and in straightening out the affairs of the bank. The directors declare that there will be found a sufficient revenue from the property, assets, etc., to pay all the depositors in full.

Harriman Wins the Fight.

NEW YORK.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Wells-Fargo & Co. in this city, the ticket of thirteen directors headed by E. H. Harriman and composed of members of the present board, was elected over a ticket named by counsel for Walter C. Stokes, who has been leading an opposition movement against the stockholders. The final vote for the Harriman ticket was 47,568 to 26,216 for the Stokes representative.

THOUSANDS IN SMOKE.

Immense Lumber Yards of the C. N. Dietz Company Consumed.

OMAHA.—One of the most spectacular fires which has visited Omaha for many a day consumed the C. N. Dietz lumber yards at an early hour Friday morning, entailing a loss estimated at \$175,000. Mr. Dietz says the loss is fully covered by insurance.

GOVERNMENT TO BUY SILVER

Hundred Thousand Ounces a Week Needed for Subsidiary Coinage.

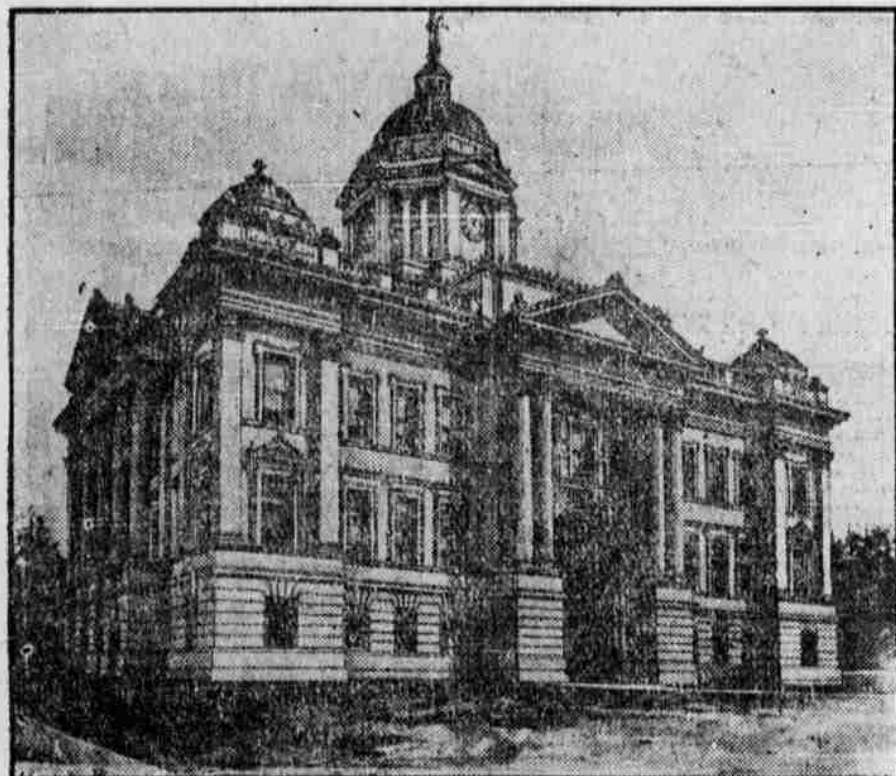
WASHINGTON.—For the first time in thirteen years the government announced Thursday its purpose to purchase silver for subsidiary coinage purposes. Tenders are invited at the office of the director of the mint in this city on Wednesday, August 15, up to 1 o'clock p. m., and every Wednesday thereafter until further notice. These tenders are to be for delivery at the Philadelphia, New Orleans or Denver mints.

Kansas City Gets Cheap Gas.

KANSAS CITY.—Kansas City won its long fight for cheap gas when Mayor Beardsley promised to sign the so-called Fleming-Wilson natural gas ordinance, granting a franchise to a syndicate of Chicago capitalists and passed by the city council. The franchise is to run for thirty years and it provides that as long as the supply of natural gas is reasonably accessible it is to be furnished at 25 cents per 1,000 cubic feet for domestic consumption and at 10 cents for manufacturing purposes.

Son Kills at Father's Order.

FREDERICK, Md.—At the command of his father, Fred Debold, 17 years old, son of John Debold, shot and killed George Smith, son of their neighbor, Edward O. Smith, near here recently. There had been bad feeling between the two families and yesterday they quarreled over blackberries the Smiths had picked on Debold's land. "Shoot him," said Debold to his son, pointing at the younger Smith. The boy fired a load from a shotgun, which struck Smith over the heart, killing him instantly.



The new \$80,000 court house of Kearney county, Nebr., the corner stone of which was laid by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., at Minden, Nebr., July 17. There was a large attendance, Governor Mickey, Hon. E. L. Adams, ex-Congressman Hitchcock, Moses Sydenham and other distinguished Nebraskans being present.

necessary to make as limited as possible. I write to enquire whether your engagements will permit you to be one of the party. Very sincerely yours, Wm. M. Taft, Pointe au Pic, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 29, 1906."

Senator Millard stated in an interview that he had not yet signified his acceptance of the invitation, but would endeavor to reach a decision in the matter within a short time.

The invitation of the president in this case recalls the strenuous days of last winter incident to the contest in the senate over the question of type of canal. When Senator Millard's committee began its investigation of the subject it is well known that a large majority of the senators were favorable to a sea-level type of canal. After months of painstaking inquiry and study the committee voted on the subject of type of canal, and the first vote was a tie: five to five. Senator Carmack, who had not attended more than one session of the committee, was absent campaigning in his own state. The question arose whether his vote could be counted in his absence. Finally he was summoned to a meeting of the committee, whereupon a vote was taken on type of canal, which resulted in the adoption of the sea-level type by a vote of six to five. From that time on Senator Millard addressed himself to the task of converting the members of the senate to believe in the superiority of the lock type, which was advocated in Senator Millard's minority report and in his speech on the floor of the senate. Many conferences with Secretary Taft and the President were held, and Senator Millard labored with many of the senators in his efforts to convince them that the building of a sea-level canal would be a stupendous blunder. The final vote of the senate on the subject proved to be a signal victory for Millard.

Potato Crop Assured.

GORDON.—The farmers of Sheridan county are busy harvesting the largest and finest crop of all kinds of small grain ever grown in the county. Spring wheat is estimated at from 25 to as high as 40 bushels per acre. Recent good rains practically insure a big crop of "spuds" and corn is looking unusually fine. The farmers of Sheridan county have much to be thankful for this year and probably no county in the state has better crops. Eastern land seekers are becoming numerous.

J. W. Daly, aged about 40 years, was killed almost instantly while working on an elevator at Swift's in South Omaha. Daly was at work on the top of the elevator, when he became caught in some manner and his body crushed. He was taken to the city hospital and died a few minutes later.

The M. & M. Mining company of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The officers of the company are A. H. Merchant, president; C. F. Redington, vice president; W. F. Morphy, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock amounts to \$5,000, each share having a par value of \$1.

The first threshing machine accident in Seward county occurred last week. Will Schlechty, while helping with the threshing machine, in some manner fell into the self-feed. He caught hold of the board with his left hand and his position being noticed by the men the machine was stopped. It was found that his arm was badly crushed and cut.

Plans for securing funds for the Corn Growers' convention were considered at a meeting of Lincoln business men. The committee in charge of the convention which will be held about the middle of December need \$1,000 for expenses. About \$750 has been contributed so far by business men in order to secure the great meeting for Lincoln.

Edgar Stevens, who lives a couple of miles southeast of Table Rock near Bridge No. 113 on the Burlington line to Kansas City, found a rifled United States mail pouch, which had been slit open and robbed of its contents. This mail sack had been missing since June 22 and was a pouch which had been left at Table Rock from train No. 41 from the south, which passes at 11 p. m., to transfer to train No. 13, which comes from the same direction at 2:20 a. m., but passes west on the Denver line.

The Burlington authorities have declared Ashland to be a division point upon the line, and Ashland division time table No. 1 has been issued. This is the first time table covering regular service between Ashland and Sioux City and the north.

On the Perry Walker farm in Cass county Frank Jean and W. T. Smith threshed 12,000 bushels of oats by weight in four hours, or at an average of five bushels per minute. The oats are turning out from 30 to 40 bushels per acre. The wheat is also a large yield.